

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 84 - HB 503

March 26, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes individuals licensed to carry a handgun to carry the firearm into a restaurant if such establishment has not posted a handgun restriction notice and if the individual does not consume alcoholic beverages provided the restaurant is not an age-restricted venue. A restaurant is defined as an establishment that derives at least 60 percent of its gross annual revenue from the sale of food. If the restaurant has not been in business for an entire year, the 60 percent shall be determined by the previous month's gross revenue. Requires the Department of Safety to suspend or revoke a handgun carry permit if the permit holder is convicted of possession of a firearm where alcoholic beverages are served.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Revenue – Not Significant

Decrease Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Currently, possession of a firearm in such establishments is punishable as a Class A misdemeanor.
- There will not be a sufficient decrease in the number of prosecutions for local governments to experience a significant decrease in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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